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### CPSC, York International Corp. Announce Recall of Gas Furnaces

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturer named below, today announced voluntary recalls of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** Gas furnaces

**Units:** About 226,000

**Manufacturer:** The Unitary Products Group (UPG) of York International Corp., of York, Pa.

**Hazard:** These furnaces can overheat, causing heat-exchanger cracking, burn-through and, in extreme cases, furnace wrapper burn-through. This can lead to heating and possible burning of the drywall and other combustibles adjacent to the furnace, which poses a fire and smoke hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** UPG has received 27 reports of fires, some resulting in extensive property damage that could be related to these hazards. There have been no injuries reported.

**Description:** The recall involves Coleman, Coleman Evcon and Red T brand furnaces. The furnaces are a silver color with white access panels. The "Coleman," "Coleman Evcon" and "Red T" brand names are located on the middle of the front access panel. These model furnaces with model numbers listed below are included in the recall:

DGAM075BDD	DGAT070BDD	DGAT075BDD	DLAS075BDD
DGAM075BDE	DGAT070BDE	DGAT075BDE	DLAS075BDE
DGAM075BDF	DGAT070BDF	DGAT075BDF	DLAS075BDF

The model number is written on a nameplate, found by removing both front access panels. The nameplate is found mounted on the left inside surface behind the lower panel.

**Sold at:** These furnaces were sold nationwide between 1995 and 2000 under the brand names of Coleman, Coleman Evcon and Red T as original equipment in manufactured homes and as replacement furnaces in manufactured homes.

**Manufactured in:** Wichita, Kan.

**Remedy:** Consumers should not use the heating function of these furnaces until it has been inspected and repaired. Consumers should contact UPG to schedule a free inspection and repair of any furnace involved in the recall.

**Consumer Contact:** For more information, call UPG toll-free at (888) 665-4640 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit their Web site at [www.dgatprogram.com](http://www.dgatprogram.com). UPG Technical Services is also conducting a comprehensive notification and communications program and working with its distributors to locate owners.

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### CPSC, Schneider Electric North American Division Announce Recall of AFCIs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firms below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCI)

**Manufacturer:** Schneider Electric North American Division, of Palatine, Ill.

**Hazard:** An AFCI is an electrical circuit protection device (circuit breaker) that detects electrical arcs from cracked, broken or damaged electrical insulation and shuts off power to the circuit before the arcing leads to a fire. An electronic component failure inside the AFCIs can cause the devices to not detect an electrical arc. Although the AFCIs will function as regular circuit breakers, they may not detect an arc fault, posing a safety risk to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Schneider Electric is investigating one reported fire during a new home construction that may be related to this problem. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recalled Square D QO® and Homeline® Arc Fault Interrupter circuit breakers are used with 15- and 20-amp branch circuits. They are required to be installed in bedroom circuits in accordance with the 2002 National Electrical Code. The recalled units were manufactured after March 1, 2004, and have a blue test button. The AFCI circuit breakers have one of the following date codes – CN, DN, EN, FN, GN, HN, or JN – stamped in red on the breaker label located just above the wiring terminal. The recalled units also have one of the following catalog numbers printed on a label on the front of the breaker: QO115AFI, QO115AFIC, QO120AFI, QO120AFIC, QOB115AFI, QOB120AFI, HOM115AFI, HOM115AFIC, HOM120AFI, HOM120AFIC, QO115VHAFI, QO120VHAFI, QOB115VHAFI, or QOB120VHAFI.

**Sold at:** Electrical distributors and retailers sold the AFCIs between March 2004 and September 2004 for between \$30 and \$130.

**Remedy:** Installed AFCIs will be replaced free of charge through electrical contractors. Consumers can return uninstalled AFCIs to the retailers or distributor from whom the unit was purchased for a free replacement unit.

**Consumer Contact:** Consumer should call Schneider Electric toll-free at (877) 202-9046 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or log on to the company's Website at [www.us.squared.com/recallaafi](http://www.us.squared.com/recallaafi)